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St. James's February 23.

THIS Day the Lord Archbiſhop, with the Biſhops, Prolocutor, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, preſented the following Addreſs to His Majeſty.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Archbiſhop, Biſhops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Archbiſhop, Biſhops, and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, in Convocation aſſembled, do moſt heartily Congratulate your Majeſty upon your ſafe Return to your Kingdom; and with all Humility acknowledge the Senſe we have of that Quiet and Tranquillity which we enjoyed, during your Abſence, by the prudent Care and Adminiſtration of His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, under your Majeſty; and who, next to your ſacred Majeſty, is the greateſt Hope and Support of our Church and Realm.

It is with unſpeakable Grief that we hear of a new Deſign, formed by a reſtleſs and implacable Party among us, againſt your Majeſty's Perſon and Government; and to ſubvert both the Religion and Liberties of our Country. Your Majeſty had good Reaſon to hope, what we all were willing to believe, that the ill Succeſs of their late Rebellion, would, if not have brought them to a Senſe of their Duty, yet at leaſt have deterred them from venturing ſo ſoon upon another Attempt, in open Violation of it. But ſince they have preſumed again to endeavour to diſturb the Repoſe of your Majeſty, and your Kingdoms, by a new and more deſperate Deſign againſt both: Since not content to involve us, as before, in an inteſtine War, they have animated and ſtirred up a Foreign Power to invade your Dominions, and to ruin the flouriſhing Eſtate of their own native Country: We eſteem it our Duty again to declare our Abhorrence of their Proceedings; and to aſſure your Majeſty, that we will make it our Endeavours, in our ſeveral Places, to raiſe in the Minds of all your People a juſt Senſe of the Danger, and a Deteſtation of the Wickedneſs of their Enterprize: That we will exhort them, (as they are both in Duty and Intereſt obliged) to maintain your Majeſty's rightful and lawful Authority over us; and to exert their utmoſt Force and Power to Suppreſs any future Rebellion that may happen to be raiſed among us, and to Support the happy Settlement of the Crown in your Royal Family, as the beſt and ſureſt Means to ſecure the Religion, Laws and Liberties of our Country.

We have ſeen in the late Declarations of ſome of theſe Men, who nevertheleſs call themſelves by the Name of Proteſtants, what we muſt look for ſhould a Popiſh Prince ever ſit upon the Throne of theſe Kingdoms. Whilſt they allow us no better a Character than that of Schiſmaticks and Hereticks; of Men cut off from the Communion of Chriſt's Church, and all the Hopes of Salvation; what can be expected from profeſſed Papiſts, who Account no better of them (however they may flatter themſelves) than they do of us; but that both they and we ſhall be utterly deſtroyed by them.

To you therefore, Great Sir, under God, we flee for Succour and Support. Our Safety is bound up in yours. While you ſit ſecure upon your Throne, the Church of England can never want a powerful and ready Defender. And therefore for our own, our Countries, and our Religions ſake, we muſt never ceaſe to implore the Divine Protection over you: That God would effectually give you the Hearts of your Subjects, and defeat the Deſigns of your Enemies; and continue the Crown of this Proteſtant Realm, in your Proteſtant Family, till time ſhall be no more.

His MAJESTY's moſt Gracious Anſwer.

My Lords, and the reſt of the Clergy,

I Thank you very kindly for this Dutiful and Affectionate Addreſs.

I promiſe My Self, that you will make it your Care to give all under your Charge, the ſame Senſe of their Duty, which you your ſelves have ſo fully expreſſed.

And as I hope, by the Bleſſing of God, to defeat the Deſigns of Our Enemies; ſo you may depend that the Church of England *ſhall always have my Favour and Protection.*

Geneva, Feb. 26. 'Tis adviſed from Savoy, that on the 14th Inſtant the Pretender arrived at Montmelian, lodged in a Convent, and ſtaid there the 15th. On the 16th he proceeded to Aiguebelle; the next Day to St. John de Maurienne, where he lodged at the Biſhop's Houſe, and continued there the 18th. On the 19th he lay at Modana, the 20th at Lanebourg; and paſſing the Mountains on the 21ſt arrived at Suza; whence he is to continue his Journey through the King of Sicily's Dominions; and 'tis ſaid he will go by